



## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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## INFORMATION REQUEST CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Baffone Investors

Re: Letter Requiring Submission of Information

Newark South Ground Water Plume Site Newark, New Castle County, Delaware

Dear Ms. Baffone:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking information concerning a release, or threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the Newark South Ground Water Plume Site, located in southeast Newark, west of Route 72, between Interstate 95 and Rt. 2 (East Chestnut Hill Road) in New Castle County, Delaware, (hereinafter the Site). The Site is a contaminated groundwater plume located southeast of Newark, Delaware. The Site is generally located under four industrial parks - the Diamond State, Delaware Industrial, Cooches Industrial Park and Blue Hen Industrial Park, and also one commercial, retail center, Pencader Plaza. Refer to Enclosure G, attached to this letter, for a map. The specific information required is attached to this letter as Enclosure E.

Investigative activities have revealed that municipal wells, supplying drinking water for the City of Newark, are contaminated with perchloroethylene (PCE), trichloroethylene (TCE), solvents and other hazardous compounds. Properties located within the Site area and on adjacent areas surrounding the Site may have or had detections of contamination in the groundwater and soils. Therefore, EPA is conducting a search for Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) in connection with the contaminated groundwater plume and source areas.

EPA's investigation revealed that Baffone Investors (hereinafter you") owns that portion of the Site property which is located at 21 Blue Hen Drive (Parcel 11-006.30-310), 30 Blue Hen Drive (11-006.30-311), 41 Blue Hen Drive (11-006.30-308), 51 Blue Hen Drive (11-006.30-307), 61 Blue Hen Drive (11-006.30-306), and 663 Dawson Drive (11-010.00-008), Newark, Delaware 19713. Pursuant to the authority of Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and